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MESSAGE BY SIR STANLEY ROUS President F.I.F.A.

For World Cup Preliminary Match Australia v Israel
14th December, 1969

Supporters of soccer in Australia will be happy that, at last, they will have an opportunity to see their national team engaged in a World Cup Qualifying Round match in Sydney on December 14th.

Whether they will have returned from Israel with a commanding lead I don't know at the time of writing, but whatever the score in Tel-Aviv earlier in the month is I hope the match will be well attended. It will be the most important soccer event of its kind ever to be staged in Australia. The list of friendly international matches played in Australia is long, but not only has the national team qualified to play in this deciding match but they are surely the most travelled players in this or any other group.

I hope that the match will be an entertaining one, played with skill and in good spirit; whoever wins will be worthy participants in the Final tournament in Mexico. They will be welcomed by the fifteen other national teams and will take part in a football festival in Mexico on which the eyes and ears of the sporting world will be turned in June, 1970.

A MESSAGE FROM SIR WILLIAM WALKLEY, C.B.E.

After many months of preparation and dedication, the Australian National Soccer Team is reaching the climax of its efforts to qualify as one of the sixteen nations to play in Mexico in 1970. I, along with Australian sportsmen everywhere, am deeply proud of the Team's performances so far. Commencing preparation with matches against the Greece National Team, followed by victory in Seoul against Japan and Korea and in Mozambique against Rhodesia, the results tell a story of superb teamwork and determination to overcome adverse conditions.

As I pay tribute to the players in the Australian Squad, so I must praise our National Coach Mr. Joe Vlasits for his contribution. Without his knowledge and ability to extract that little extra from the players, we would undoubtedly have not been so successful. Our thanks and appreciation is also extended to the Team Managers, Doctors and Masseur for their efforts and finally to the wives, friends and relatives our thanks for your patience during the long periods the team has been overseas.

We now have the pleasure of welcoming to Australia the Israel National Team—we sincerely trust that you will enjoy your stay in our country. In the match in Tel Aviv, the Israel Team showed its ability to play skillful football and displayed a high standard of sportsmanship. The return match in Sydney promises to be the greatest soccer spectacle ever seen in Australia and we can only say, may the best team win. During the little spare time that the Israel Team will have whilst they are here, they can be assured of a warm welcome and a display of hospitality second to none. There are many thousands of your countrymen in Australia and we know that each and everyone of them, given the opportunity, will try to make your stay more pleasant.

In conclusion and on behalf of soccer followers througout Australia, I again thank our own team for its performances and the Israel team for visiting our country. We are all looking forward to this match and regardless of the winner, I know this will prove to be the most memorable day in Australian Soccer.

President. Australian Soccer Federation

THE ISRAEL TEAM

Since Mr. E. Scheffer was appointed National Trainer, 2 years ago, when he took over from the Yugoslave Milovan Ciric, a big change was made in the system played by the Israel National Team. Now the system of play is adjusted to the ability of the players and it is based on the possibility of manouvering from 4-3-3 to 4-2-2 while the defence is strengthened with additional players. When the forwards are attacking they are assisted by the midfield players M. Shpigler and G. Shpigel who are also trying to create, for themselves, shooting positions.

The Israel National Team Players are:

ITZHAK VISSOCER — Goalkeeper. Age 24. 24 International Caps. Tall and strong, he lost a little bit of his form owing to an injury to his shoulder, two years ago. In 1964 he was the Goalkeeper of The Israeli National Youth Team which won The Asian Youth Cup. He plays in "Hapoel" Petah-Tikva and works as a driver.

SHRAGA BAR — Full-back. Age 21. 13 Caps. A very strong and fast player and a robust tackler. Likes to help in attack and has good ball control. He plays in "Maccabi" Nathania.

MENACHEM BELLO — Full-back. Age 22. 30 Caps. A very dedicated player who started his career very young. He played twice in The Youth National Team which won The Asian Youth Cup (1964, 1965). He helps a lot in attack and tries to score. A permanent defender in the National Team for the last two years. Plays in "Maccabi" Tel-Aviv and works as a Technician.

ZVI ROSEN — Stopper. Age 23. 17 Caps. Tall and is good in the air with good ball control. Played 3 times in The Youth National Team which participated in the Asian Youth Cup (1964, 1965, 1966). Was one of the outstanding players in The Asian Tournament for Club Championship, in January 1969, when his Team "Maccabi" Tel-Aviv won. Works as a driver.

DAVID PROMO — Stopper. Age 24. 22 Caps. Considered as one of the best defenders Israel has ever had. Played 2 years in the Professional League in the U.S.A. He was rated the second best player in the League there. He returned to Israel last January. A very strong and clever player an excellent tackler. There is really no replacement for him in Israel. Plays in "Hapoel" Tel-Aviv.

SHMUEL ROSENTHAL — Half-Back. Age 22. 29 Caps. One of the Stars in the National Youth Team. Played in The Asian All Star Team in 1967. A dedicated player. Works as a Physical Education Teacher. Plays in "Hapoel" Petah Tikva.

RAHAMIM TALBI — Outside Right. Age 26. 32 Caps. A fast player and a good shooter but lacks good ball control and is not very clever in the game. Shoots only with his right leg. Plays in "Maccabi" Tel-Aviv.

GIORA SHPIGEL — Inside Forward. Age 23. 24 Caps. The "Brain" of The National Team. His motions are generally slow but very clever, has excellent ball control and a very hard shoot. He is able to win a game by himself, considered as one of the key players Israel has ever had. His father, who is a Soccer Trainer now, was also one of Israel's National players. G. Shpigel is the Captain of his Team—"Maccabi" Tel-Aviv. In 1967 was one of the outstanding players in The Asian All Star Team. He is the big Israeli hope in The World Cup. Was the outstanding Israeli player in the Mexico Olympics, and was elected in Israel as "Footballer of the Year".

JESHAIHU FEIGENBAUM — Centre-forward. Age 22. 18 Caps. Started his career as a Full-back but was transferred by Scheffer to the Forward Line. He is a strong player with a surprise hard shot. Works as a driver.

MORDECHAI SHPIGLER — Inside Forward. Age 24. 42 Caps. Since he was the Captain of The Israel National Youth Team in 1964 plays in The National Team and never missed a game. He is the Captain of the National Team, and the top scorer in the Israeli League in the last two years. A very clever player, a Footballer by nature. Has excellent ball control and is a very good shooter. He and Shpigel are the top Stars in The Israeli Football. Writes permanently in The Israeli Sports Weekly ("Hadshot Sport & Toto" plays in "Maccabi" Nathania.

ITZHAK SHUM — Outside Left. Age 21. 2 Caps. A Young Footballer and inexperienced. His position is the big problem of the National Team but it seems that he will be one who will make it against Australia. His ball control is good.

The other players in The National Cadre whose names were sent to F.I.F.A. are as follows:— Goalkeepers: Jechiel Hameiri, age 22, one cap. Avi Benjamin, age 18. — Defenders: Mordechai Loobetski, age 22; Moshe Leon, age 25, 15 caps; Feiwol Sharaga Topolanski, age 18, National Youth Player. — Half-Backs: David Karako, age 24, 5 caps; Chanan Vallach, age 24, 3 caps; Aharon Shouruk, age 22, 3 caps. — Forwards: Meir Barah, age 20; Roni Kalderon, age 17, National Youth Player; Yeuda Sharabani, age 22, 5 caps.

Emanuel Scheffer, National Trainer. Born in Poland where he started his football career. A very dedicated Trainer likes the hard work very much. The majority of The National Players were under his hands when he was the Trainer of The National Youth Team. Under his guidance The Youth Team won 3 times The Asian Youth Cup. He is a graduate of the well known Trainer School in Koln (West Germany). His tactical preparations of a team are considered as his strong point. A pesimist, but says that Israel has never had a better chance to reach The World Cup Finals than now.

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10 WEEKS OF FLYING

by David Jack (SYDNEY "SUN" SOCCER CORRESPONDENT)

Qualifying for the final stages in the World Cup is a tedious, difficult, and extremely expensive, business if you happen to play for Australia.

It has been stated that, should Australia make it to Mexico next year, Johnny Warren and his team mates will have covered more mileage than any Nation in the history of this competition. Indeed, it is doubtful if any team could ever again be asked to undertake such an arduous programme merely for the privilege of a place in the last 16.

The journey all started some 10 weeks ago, when Australia flew to Seoul, South Korea, via Manilla, Hong Kong and Tokyo. In Seoul, Australia eliminated the Koreans and the Japaneses—a magnificent achievement, yet one which brought a reward of dubious merit. F.I.F.A., in its wisdom, decided Australia should travel some 7,000 miles to a remote Portugese East African colony called Mozambique to play Rhodesia! Why Mozambique? Because it seems Portugal is the only country in the world prepared to play host to the "pirate" Rhodesian government's citizens. But there could be no arguments. We had to travel, bags were packed, and once again Qantas gathered the Soccer men of Australia under its wings.

Having disposed of Rhodesia in Lourenco Marques, the 38 hours flip to Tel Aviv should have been merely a routine assignment to the Australian team. After calling at such places at Johannesburg, Lisbon and Rome, the players did their thing in Israel, losing 1-0, before tackling yet another 30 hours trans-global haul back to Sydney.

That is not necessarily the end of this football team's meanderings. If Australia beats Israel at the Sports Ground today, those battered suitcases will have to be packed once again for another long, wearisome, flight to Hong Kong or some other overseas venue for a play-off game.

For such experienced world travellers, as these Australian World Cup Players, a deciding match in Hong Kong might also be regarded as a home fixture. After all, it's only eight hours from Sydney to Hong Kong by Boeing 707—and what's that!

It is not surprising that suspicious-minded folk in Australian Soccer are convinced this is all part of a cunning F.I.F.A. plot to eliminate the Australian team from the World Cup. Does F.I.F.A. hope that Australia will be the first nation ever to drop out of the World Cup through travel exhaustion?

Whatever the answer to that one, Australian fans can be quite sure of one thing. The boys in green and gold will fight till they drop today in an effort to qualify for another air trip.

Maybe they're just gluttons for punishment!

THE MEN IN CONTROL

The Australian Soccer Referees Federation, in conjunction with the Australian Soccer Federation, extend a sincere welcome to the referee Mr. Ferdinand Marschall of Austria and his linesmen from the Philippines and New Zealand.

This occasion will be the first when we will be priviledged to witness overseas officials in operation and they will be closely scrutinised by our local referees.

It is our ambition to one day have an interchange of referees with other Countries and this could well be the forerunner of such a move.

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KICK OFF 2.10 p.m.

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2. R. Norman
3. G. Lynch
4. R. Spinks (Captain)
5. K. Edmonds
6. R. Threlfo
7. C. McAusland
8. I. Matthews
9. M. Barnes
10. S. Pollard
11. C. Hilton
12. J. Cannon
13. A. Gibson
14. I. Schett (Res. Goalkeeper)
15. P. Page
16. M. Hampson

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Linesmen:
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Mr. A. Day

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9. B. Perrin
10. J. Portus
11. B. Eather
12. J. Bowie
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15. G. SHPIGEL
16. J. FEIGENBAUM
17. M. SHPIGLER (C)
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19. I. SHUM
20. S. TOPOLANSKI
21. R. KALDERON
22. D. KARAKO

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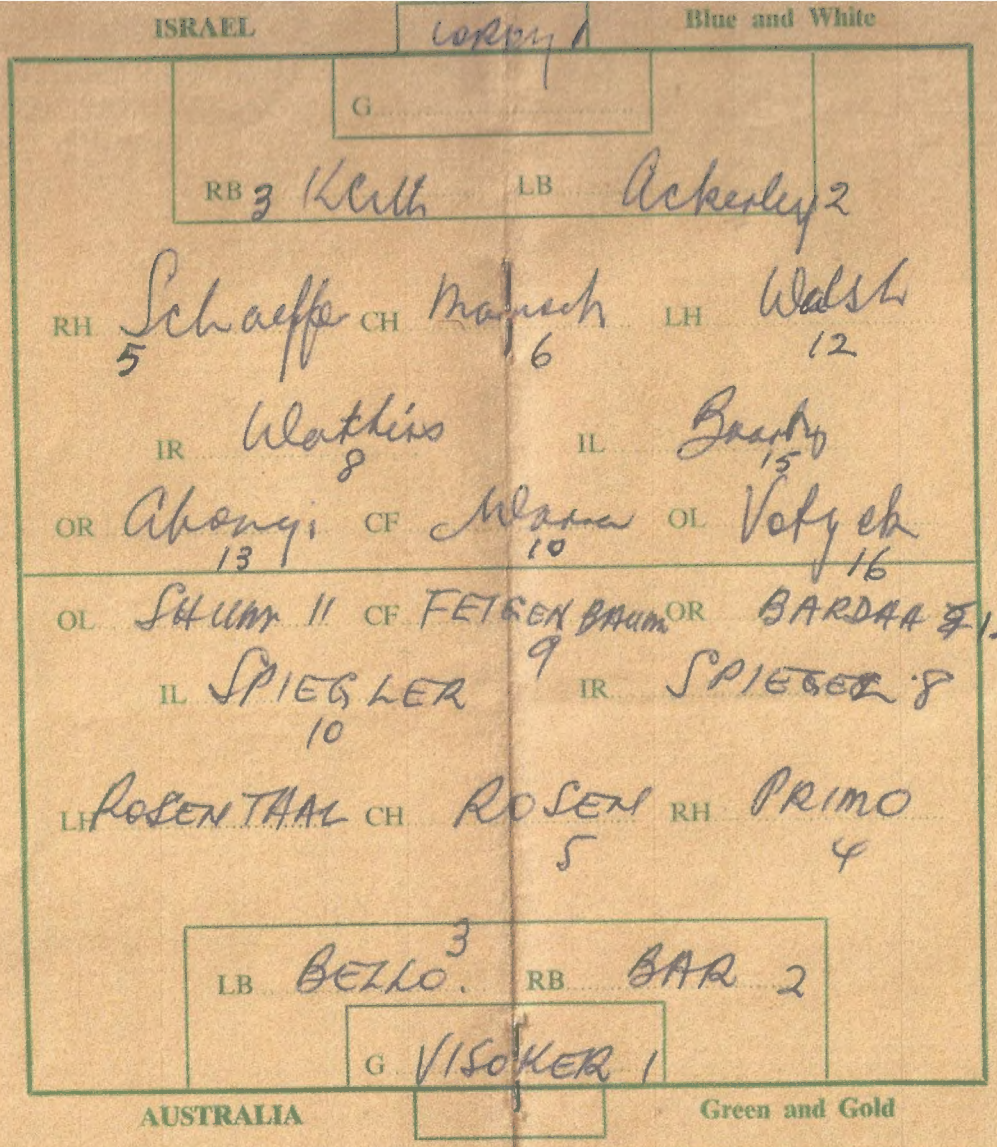
KICK-OFF: 4.00 p.m.

ISRAEL — Blue and White



AUSTRALIA — Green and Gold

AUSTRALIA

1. R. CORRY
2. S. ACKERLEY
3. G. KEITH
4. D. SANDELL
5. M. SCHAEFER
6. A. MARNOCK
7. D. ZEMAN ✓
8. J. WATKISS
9. J. PERIN ✓
10. J. WARREN (C)
11. T. McCOLL
12. D. WALSH
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14. W. RUTHERFORD ✓
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WARREN, John (St. George-Budapest). Forward, aged 26, top Australian born player, who has served N.S.W. and Australia with distinction on many occasions. Toured with 1965 World Cup team and South-East Asian Tour, State and National Captain.

ACKERLEY, Stan (N.S.W.), left-back. Age 26, born in Manchester, England. A fair-haired player who figured in all 10 matches on tour of Asia. One of Australia's top players in the World Cup matches against North Korea in 1965. Plays for the Apia club in Sydney.

SCHAEFER, Manfred (St. George-Budapest). Halfback, aged 25, born in Germany, he arrived in Australia at the age of 10 years and has probably developed into the leading fullback of Australian football. A tireless defender with handy turn of speed, toured with Australia's South-East Asia squad and State touring teams.

ALSTON, Adrian (South Coast United). Forward, aged 21. Tall, rangy English born player who in 18 months with Sydney soccer has impressed the State and National selectors with his ability to spearhead an attack.

A JOB WELL DONE

Congratulations to the Aussies who have placed Australia firmly on the Map of International Soccer, and we wish you every success against your worthy opponents.

Welcome to the Israel Team and Officials.

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	Result
In South Korea —	
AUSTRALIA v JAPAN	3-1
STH. KOREA v AUSTRALIA	1-2
JAPAN v AUSTRALIA	1-1
AUSTRALIA v STH. KOREA	1-1
In Mozambique—	
AUSTRALIA v RHODESIA	1-1
RHODESIA v AUSTRALIA	0-0
AUSTRALIA v RHODESIA	3-1
In Israel—	
ISRAEL v AUSTRALIA	1-0
In Australia—	
AUSTRALIA v ISRAEL	2 1-1

The Australian team in its quest for World Cup honours has so far travelled over 70,000 miles by air.

Welcome to F.I.F.A. Coach Mr. Detmar Cramer who is at present in Australia to lecture.

Congratulations to Harold Parsons on being selected as reserve linesman for today's fixture.

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OBSERVER SENT TO MOZAMBIQUE

Israel was surprised to hear about the draw result in the game between Australia and Rhodesia, and the Israel F.A. decided to send an observer to Mozambique for the return match. This, in spite of the declaration given by The Israeli National Trainer, who said that he was sure that Australia would win the return match by a margin of at least 2-3 goals.

The Israeli players, in their training camp, were waiting till 2 a.m. to hear the result in Mozambique, all of them were sure that Australia would have an easy win, except Moshe Leon who predicted a draw (0-0). In the meantime is was decided in Israel that if a third game had to be played between Australia and Israel it would take place in Hong-Kong. Israel is not ready to accept the Australian offer of playing such a game in New Zealand because of the high expense involved in such a trip.

The star of the Israeli attack, centre-forward Jeshaiahu Feigenbaum, who plays the same role in his team "Hapoel" Tel-Aviv, the Israel Champions, was sent off in the League game, on Saturday (22.11) when his team played against "Hapoel" Jerusalem. It was the first time in his career that he got the marching order. The Israeli International Referee, Abraham Klein, who refereed in Mexico Olympics, and was invited to referee in the World Cup Finals in Mexico, gave the marching order to Feigenbaum and the "Hapoel" Jerusalem Goalkeeper, after the two players were involved in a collision. Feigenbaum, at first, declined the decision and started to cry like a child, while the 10 thousand spectators booed the referee's decision. Feigenbaum's team mates tried to calm him, but he ran away from their hands, and that is how his shirt was torn to pieces. According to the regulations a player who is sent off, is automatically suspended for two weeks, and only after this period the Desciplinary Committee decides if there is to be any additional punishment. In the meantime the Israel F.A. took a special decision which allows Feigenbaum to continue to train with the National Team, which means that he will be available for the game against Australia.

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COMING OF AGE

By HOTSPUR of the DAILY MIRROR

It has taken a long long time coming and a few million words from our typewriters.

We have been scoffed at but today I think we truly can say Our Soccer comes of age.

For the first time we watch an Australian team playing in a World Cup tie right here at home. It will not be the last.

And now we have a chance to pay tribute to our lads who have done so magnificently to get this far.

But there is more to it than their achievements on the field.

It is the culmination of years of work, boundless enthusiasm, endless sacrifice of spare time and utter belief in our Soccer future by many, many men and I hasten to point out many women — wives and girlfriends.

But it is these wives of the officials, the coaches, the trainers, the secretaries and managers, the referees and masseurs, let alone the gear stewards, who deserve equal praise for what we have achieved today.

I might even mention the wives of journalists, who think we are mad in the first place. They have slowly come to believe as some of us have done earlier in the piece that Soccer really matters in Australia — and we Scribes in our way could not help the game to progress but also support those who have been running it by letting the public know a good job was being done.

We have convinced them that Soccer in Australia really matters. This was done by the efforts of all the farsighted men concerned.

I well remember spending hours trying to convince a great Australian, the late Dr. Henry Seamonds, it was essential Australia got back into F.I.F.A.

Once he was convinced he and those around him in every State backed the formation of the Australian Soccer Federation.

But today, were he with us, he would be a proud and happy young man. He has had successors all of whom, by far not the least is Sir William Walkley, have worked so hard to see this great day happen.

WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS TO DATE

Group 1—RUMANIA
Group 2—CZECHOSLAVAKIA
Group 3—ITALY
Group 4—U.S.S.R.
Group 5—SWEDEN
Group 6—BELGIUM
Group 7—GERMANY F.R.
Group 8—BULGARIA
Group 9—ENGLAND
Group 10—PERU
Group 11—BRAZIL
Group 12—URAGUAY
Group 13—EL SALVADOR
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